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CHAPTER 61

KOREAN VETERANS' BONUS

H. F. 143

AN ACT authorizing the state of Iowa to become indebted in the amount of twenty-six million dollars (\$26,000,000) and providing for the issue and sale of bonds of said state in evidence thereof, to procure funds for and pay service compensation to persons who served in the armed forces of the United States at any time between the twenty-seventh day of June, 1950, and the twenty-seventh day of July, 1953, both inclusive or their successors in interest, providing for a board to administer such payments, providing for the imposition, levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act; providing for the application of any surplus to the retirement of the indebtedness herein created; and providing for submission of this Act to the people to be voted upon at the general election to be held in the year 1956.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. The state of Iowa is hereby authorized to become indebted in the amount of twenty-six million dollars (\$26,000,000) and in evidence thereof there shall be issued and sold negotiable coupon bonds of said state as hereinafter provided, and the proceeds thereof shall be paid into the treasury of the state to be expended for the payment of service compensation to the persons defined in section four (4) of this act, or for the benefit of such persons as prescribed by section four (4) of this act, and for expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act.

The treasurer of the state is hereby directed to cause to be prepared negotiable coupon bonds of this state in the amount of twenty-six million dollars (\$26,000,000), such bonds to bear interest at the rate of not to exceed two and one-half percent (2½%) per annum which interest shall be paid semi-annually, such bonds shall be issued so that said indebtedness shall be payable in twenty (20) equal annual installments, the last of which shall be within twenty (20) years from the date of issue, bonds to be callable in numerical order on six (6) months notice at one hundred one and one-half per cent (101½%) of the par value. Said bonds shall be signed by the governor under the great seal of said state, attested by the secretary of state and countersigned by the treasurer of state, and the full faith, credit and resources of the state of Iowa shall be pledged for the payment thereof. The interest coupons attached to said bonds shall bear the lithographed facsimile signatures of said officials. The treasurer of state shall sell said bonds to obtain funds to carry out the provisions of this act, and to make the payments hereinafter provided, such bonds shall be sold at not less than the par value thereof and accrued interest thereon to the highest and most responsible bidder after advertising for a period of twenty (20) consecutive days, Sundays excepted, in at least two (2) daily newspapers printed in the state of Iowa. Advertisements of sale shall recite that the treasurer of state, in his discretion, may reject any or all bids received and, in such event, he shall readvertise for bids in the form and manner above described as many times as in his judgment may be necessary to effect a satisfactory sale. If any of said bonds are not presented for payment within ten (10) years after maturity they shall be barred.

SEC. 3. The proceeds of such bonds so paid into the treasury of state shall constitute a service compensation fund and shall be distributed to the persons entitled thereto as hereinafter prescribed. Said twenty-six million dollars (\$26,000,000) is hereby appropriated out of said service compensation fund for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

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- Every person, male or female, who served on active duty, in the armed forces of the United States, at any time between June twenty-seventh, 1950 and July twenty-seventh, 1953, both dates inclusive, and who at the time of entering into such service was a legal resident of the state of Iowa, and who had maintained such residence for a period of at least six (6) months immediately prior thereto, and was honorably separated or discharged from such service, or is still in active service in an honorable status, or has been retired, or has been furloughed to a reserve, or has been placed on inactive status, shall be entitled to receive from the service compensation fund ten dollars (\$10.00) for each month that such person was in active domestic service, and twelve and one-half dollars (\$12.50) for each month that such person was in active foreign service, all prior to July 27, 1953, not to exceed a total sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), provided that such person served for a period of not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to November 25, 1953. Compensation for a fraction of a month shall not be considered unless it be sixteen days or more in which event it shall be computed as a full month. No person shall be entitled to such compensation who received a bonus or compensation of like nature, as provided in this act, from another state. No person shall be entitled to such compensation who being in the service of the armed forces of the United States, subsequent to June twenty-six, 1950 refused on conscientious, . political, religious, or other grounds to subject himself or herself to military discipline. Service in the merchant marine shall not be considered for the purposes of this act. The surviving unremarried widow or widower, child or children, mother, father, or person standing in loco parentis, in the order named and none other, of any deceased person, shall be paid the compensation that such deceased person would be entitled to under this act, if living; but, if any person has heretofore died or shall hereafter die, from service-connected causes incurred between June twenty-seven, 1950 and July twentyseven, 1953, both dates inclusive, and who has not received the benefits of this Act, the first of survivors as hereinbefore designated and in the order named, shall be paid five hundred dollars (\$500.00), regardless of the length of such service, and provided further that if such eligible beneficiary is a minor at the time such compensation is payable, same may be paid to a custodian duly recognized by United States Veterans Administration.
- SEC. 5. Active duty in the armed forces of the United States shall include all time for which credit is received in the computation of terminal leave, including such leave time as provided for by federal statutes, including Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946, and attendance at an armed forces school including such schools conducted at a college, university, or similar institution of learning but excluding any period he was assigned by the armed forces to a civilian institution

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- 8 for a course of education or training which was substantially the same 9 as established courses offered to civilians, or as a cadet or midshipman, however enrolled, at one of the service academies.
 - SEC. 6. There is hereby created a board to be known as the "Service Compensation Board" to consist of the state auditor, state treasurer, and the adjutant general. The board shall maintain its office at the seat of government in Des Moines, Iowa.
 - Duties. It shall be the duty of the said board to administer the provisions of this act, to examine all applications and approve or disapprove the same and make any investigation necessary to establish facts. In the event an application is disapproved by the board, the claimant shall have the right of appeal to the district court of the state of Iowa in and for the county of his legal residence within a period of thirty days from date of mailing by registered mail of notice of such disapproval. The appeal shall be perfected by filing in the office of the board, a written notice of appeal setting forth the order or finding appealed from and the grounds of the appeal. Within thirty (30) days after the filing of such notice of appeal the board shall make, certify and file in the office of the clerk of the district court to which the appeal is taken, a full and complete transcript of all documents in the proceeding, including any depositions, a transcript or certification of the evidence, if reported, including the notice of appeal. The clerk shall forthwith docket such appeal. The appeal shall be heard in such district court as in equity de novo. Appeal may be taken to the supreme court from any final order or judgment or decree of the district court. When any application has been approved by the board, payment shall be made to the applicant in accordance with the provisions of this act. It shall be the duty of the board to prepare vouchers and transmit the same to the state comptroller in payment of the bonus claims provided for herein and other necessary administrative expenses; said state comptroller shall issue a warrant for the amount stated therein and the state treasurer shall pay such warrants out of said bonus fund. The board is hereby empowered to employ such assistants and incur such other expenses as may be necessary for such administration and carrying out of the provisions of this act, and the funds necessary for such administration and carrying out the provisions of this act shall be expended from said compensation fund; such assistants as said board may determine shall give bond in such amount as may be fixed by said board, and shall, whenever practicable, be persons within the classes as defined in section four (4) of this act. The board is hereby empowered to make, adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations for the carrying out of the provisions of this act as it deems necessary and expedient and which are not inconsistent with any provisions of this act.
 - SEC. 8. Before receiving any compensation under the provisions of this act, the claimant, or his successor in interest, shall file with the service compensation board, application on forms provided by said board; such application must be so filed on or before December 31, 1960. Such application shall state facts sufficient to establish the status of such applicant within a class as defined in section four (4) of this act, and shall be duly verified.

SEC. 9. Whoever knowingly makes a false statement, oral or written, relating to a material fact in supporting a claim under the provisions of this act, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, and shall forfeit all benefits he or she might have been entitled to under this act.

SEC. 10. All payments and allowances made under this act shall be exempt from taxation and from levy and sale on execution and all bonds issued hereunder shall be exempt from taxation.

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1 To provide for the payment of the principal of said bonds 2 so issued and sold and the interest thereon as the same become due 3 and mature, there is hereby imposed and levied upon moneys and 4 credits and other intangible personal property subject to taxation at 5 other than the general property rate a direct annual tax of one (1) mill upon the dollar, which shall be additional to all other taxes levied 6 7 upon such intangible personal property, any other provisions of the Code notwithstanding, for each of the years said bonds are outstanding. There is also hereby imposed and levied upon all other taxable property within the state of Iowa, in addition to all other taxes, a direct annual tax for each of the years said bonds are outstanding, 8 9 10 11 sufficient in amount, together with the receipts from the tax imposed upon moneys and credits and other intangible personal property, for 12 13 the payment of principal of said bonds as it shall become due, and 14 sufficient in amount to produce additional sums as may be needed to 15 pay the interest on said bonds each year for twenty (20) years. The 16 one (1) mill tax upon moneys and credits and other intangible per-17 18 sonal property shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes upon money and credits and intangible personal property and shall 19 20 be remitted to the treasurer of state and applied to the payment of 21 the principal and interest of the soldiers' bonus bonds. The treasurer of the state shall annually certify to the state tax commission prior to the time for levy of general state taxes the amount of money re-24 quired to be raised to pay the principal and interest on such bonds, 25 maturing in the ensuing year, and said state tax commission shall 26 annually fix the rate percentum necessary to be levied and assessed 27 upon the valuation of the taxable property within this state to produce 28 funds sufficient to pay the principal of and interest upon such bonds 29 as the same become payable, taking into consideration the receipts to be derived from the one (1) mill tax imposed upon moneys and 30 31 credits and other intangible personal property, and such additional 32 annual direct tax shall be levied, certified, assessed and collected at 33 the same time and in the same manner as are taxes for general state purposes. If any funds remain after the final payment of all legal 34 claims and expenses, they shall be transferred to the general fund of 35 the state of Iowa. 36

SEC. 12. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this act shall for any reason be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of the act, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment has been rendered.

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1	SEC. 13. This law, after legal publication shall be	e submitt	ed to
2	the people of this state at the general election to be held		
3	nineteen hundred fifty-six, and shall not take effect		
4	election it shall receive a majority of all votes cast for	or and ag	gainst
5	it. Separate ballots shall be provided for the electors	which sh	all be
6	in substantially the following form:		
7	(Notice to voters: For an affirmative vote upon any		
8	mitted upon this ballot, mark a cross mark in the sq		
9	word "Yes". For a negative vote, make a similar mark	c in the s	quare
10	following the word "No".)		_
11	"Shall the following public measure, being an act of	the 56th	Gen-
12	eral Assembly, be adopted and approved?"		
13	(Here insert in full this law)	Yes	
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SEC. 14. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval at such election.

Approved May 13, 1955.

CHAPTER 62

ELECTIONS

H. F. 525

AN ACT relating to elections and to amend various sections of the Code relating

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- SECTION 1. Section forty-three point eleven (43.11), Code 1954, is hereby amended as follows: Strike from line two (2), subsection one (1), the word "seventy" and insert in lieu thereof the word "fifty-five". Strike from line five (5), subsection two (2), the words "one hundred" and insert in lieu thereof the word "eighty-five". 6 7 Strike from line five (5), subsection two (2), the word "eighty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "sixty-five".
- SEC. 2. Section forty-three point eleven (43.11), Code 1954, is further amended by adding thereto the following subsection: 2

"For elective offices in cities and towns, as provided in section 3 three hundred sixty-three point eleven (363.11) of the Code.". 4

- SEC. 3. Section forty-three point twenty-one (43.21), Code 1954, is hereby amended as follows:
- 3 Strike from line three (3), subsection one (1), the word "seventy" and insert in lieu thereof the word "fifty-five"
- Strike from line two (2), subsection two (2), the word "seventy" 5 and insert in lieu thereof the word "fifty-five".
- SEC. 4. Section forty-three point twenty-two (43.22), Code 1954, is hereby amended by striking the word "seventy" from line two (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty-five".